

HOUSE RESOLUTION 85

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Sandra Mason on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Mason is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as an educator for thirty-six years and who will be taking a much-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, born in Woodbury to Daniel J. and Annette Smith, Sandra Mason received her Bachelor of Science, Master of Education, and Education Specialist degrees from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU); and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mason began her career as a Librarian for Woodbury Grammar School (WGS) in 1971; she served ably in this capacity until 1996, when she assumed the reins of leadership and became Principal; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Principal of WGS, the school has twice successfully completed the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) renewal process, received the Reading First Grant, and moved into new facilities; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Mrs. Mason is a member of several notable organizations, including the Cannon County Education Association, which she has served as Secretary; the Tennessee Education Association; the National Education Association; the Cannon County Teacher Center, which she established and which she has served as Director; the Cannon County Inservice Committee, which she has served as Chairperson; the Steering Committee for SACS accreditation, for which she was Co-Chair; and the State Advisory Committee for Reading First, to which she was one of only three Principals statewide to be appointed; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mason has also devoted her time and talents to the Tennessee Association of School Librarians; the International Reading Association; the Regional Principals' Study Council; the National and Tennessee Association of Elementary School Principals; the National and Tennessee Associations for Supervision and Curriculum Development; SACS/AdvancED, which she serves as a trained Facilitator; Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Professional Women Educators; and the Woodbury Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, a person of devout faith, Mrs. Mason has been an active member of the Sycamore Baptist Church since 1960; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mason exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Mason is grateful for the love and support she has received from her husband, James; her sisters, Linda Campbell and Nina Lee; and many cousins, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces, as well as one nephew; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Sandra Mason has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, teachers, students, and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Sandra Mason our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement after an honorable and productive career in education and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.